## **SENATE RESOLUTION 74**

## By Ford

A RESOLUTION to designate January 22-28, 2012, as "Tennessee School Choice Week" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, all children in Tennessee should have the right to the highest-quality schools possible; and

WHEREAS, citizens across Tennessee agree that improving the quality of education in Tennessee and expanding access to highly effective schools should be an issue of importance to our state's leaders; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee recognizes the critical role that an effective and accountable system of education plays in preparing all children in Tennessee to be successful in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee has a multitude of high-quality public schools, public charter schools, and non-public schools; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee has many high-quality teaching professionals in public, private, and charter schools across Tennessee who are committed to educating children; and

WHEREAS, the vital cause of education reform is one that transcends ideology and political party affiliation; and

WHEREAS, research in Tennessee and across our nation demonstrates conclusively that providing children with multiple schooling options improves academic performance; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby join with citizens from across this State in recognizing January 22-28, 2012, as "Tennessee School Choice Week" in Tennessee and call this observance to the attention of all of our citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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